

Daria Rosario Cullen
Wells
LD 785

I am writing in strong support of LD 785 because it reflects a long overdue commitment to equity, accountability, and respect in Maine's relationship with the Wabanaki Nations. The Task Force recommendations were developed to address systemic barriers created under the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, and failing to enact them continues decades of harmful delay.

This bill recognizes the Wabanaki Nations as sovereign governments and ensures that Maine's laws reflect that reality. Enacting the remaining recommendations is a necessary step toward accountability and a more equitable, modern relationship.

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully ask that you vote ought to pass.